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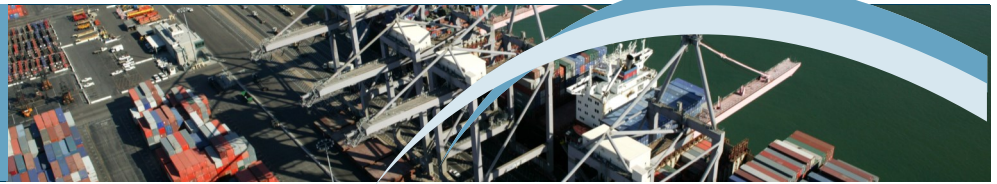
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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

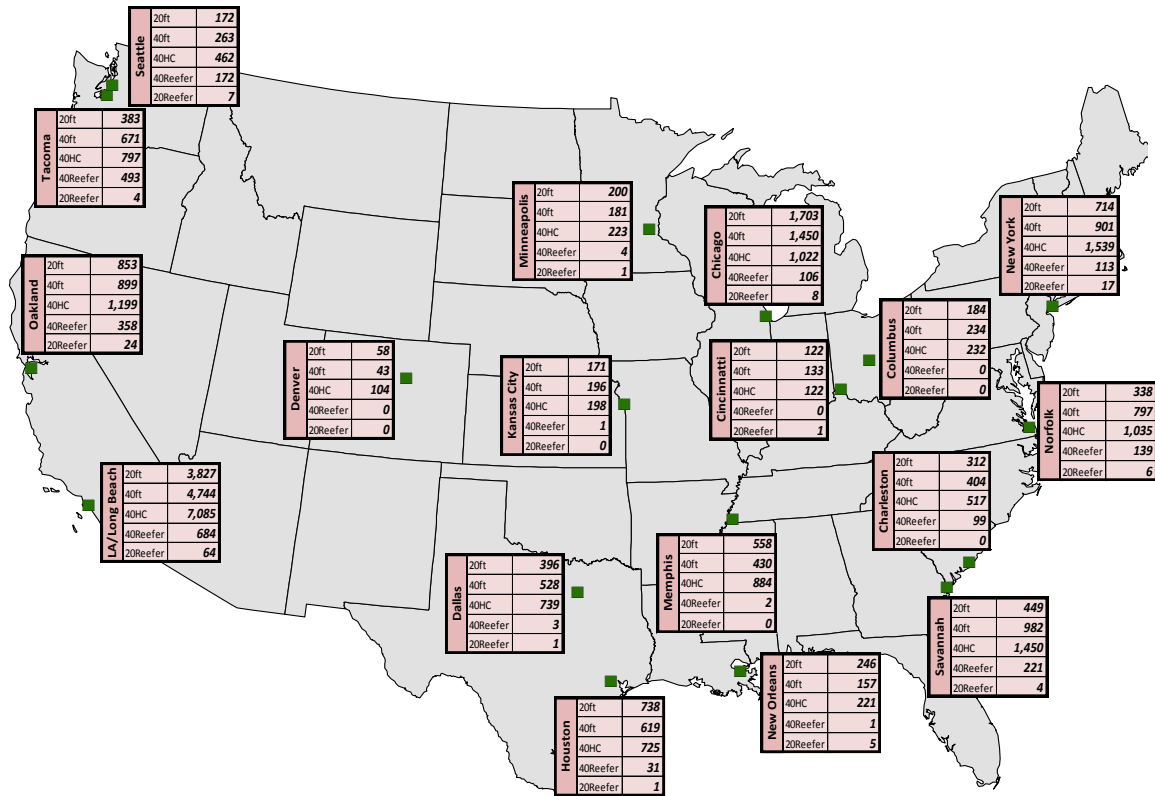
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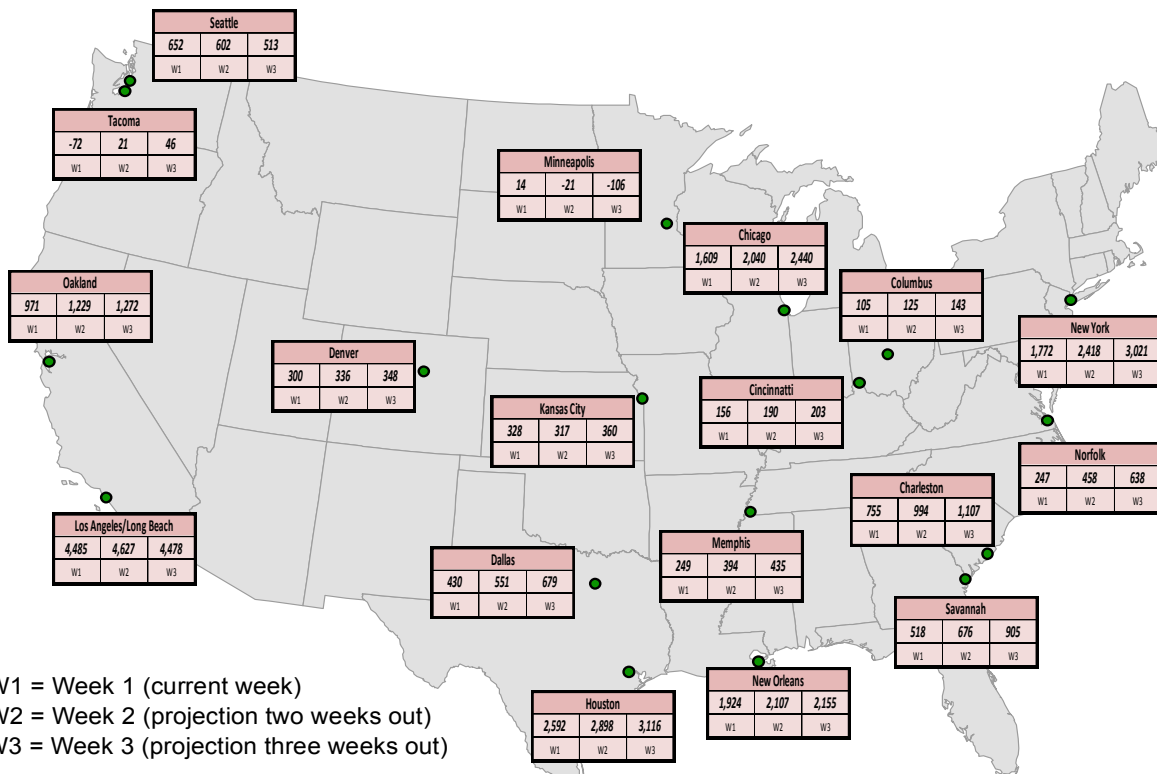
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



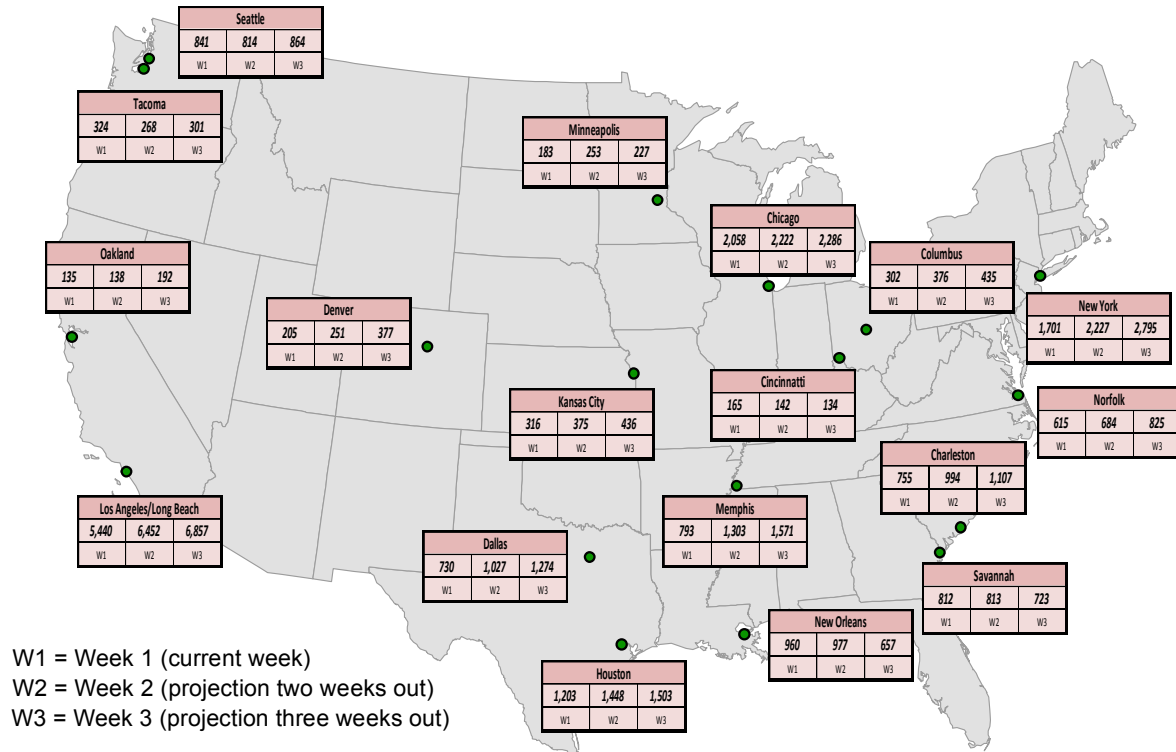
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



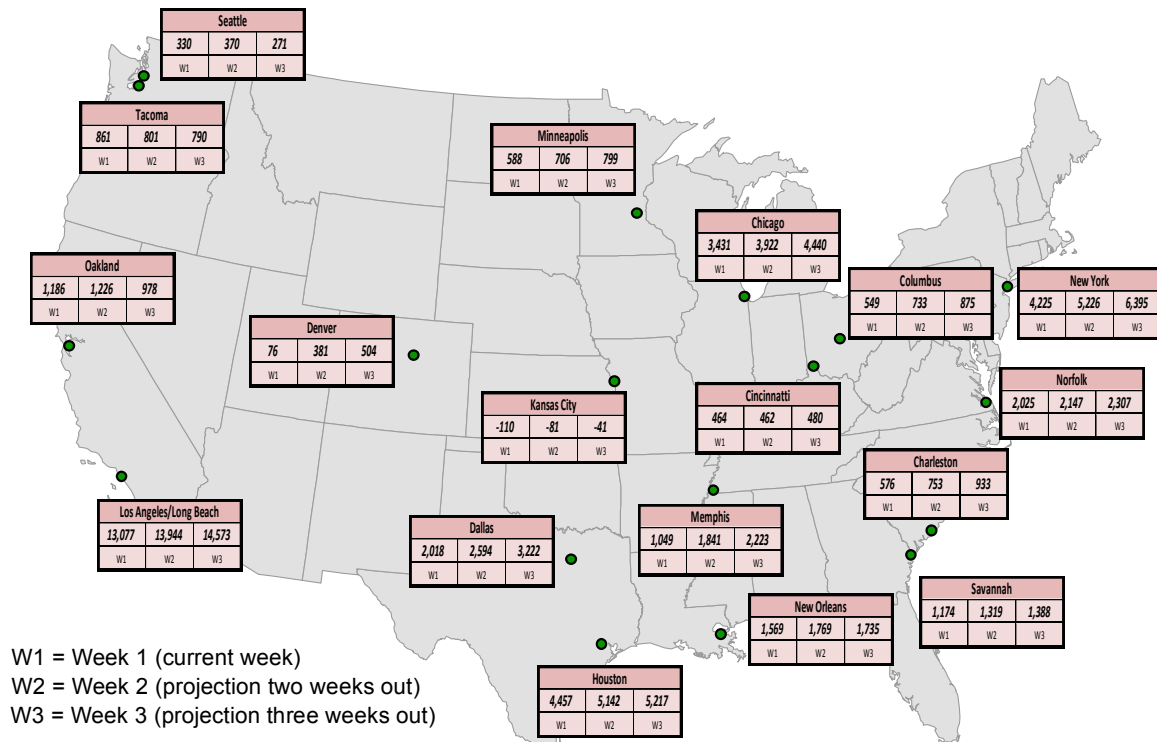
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

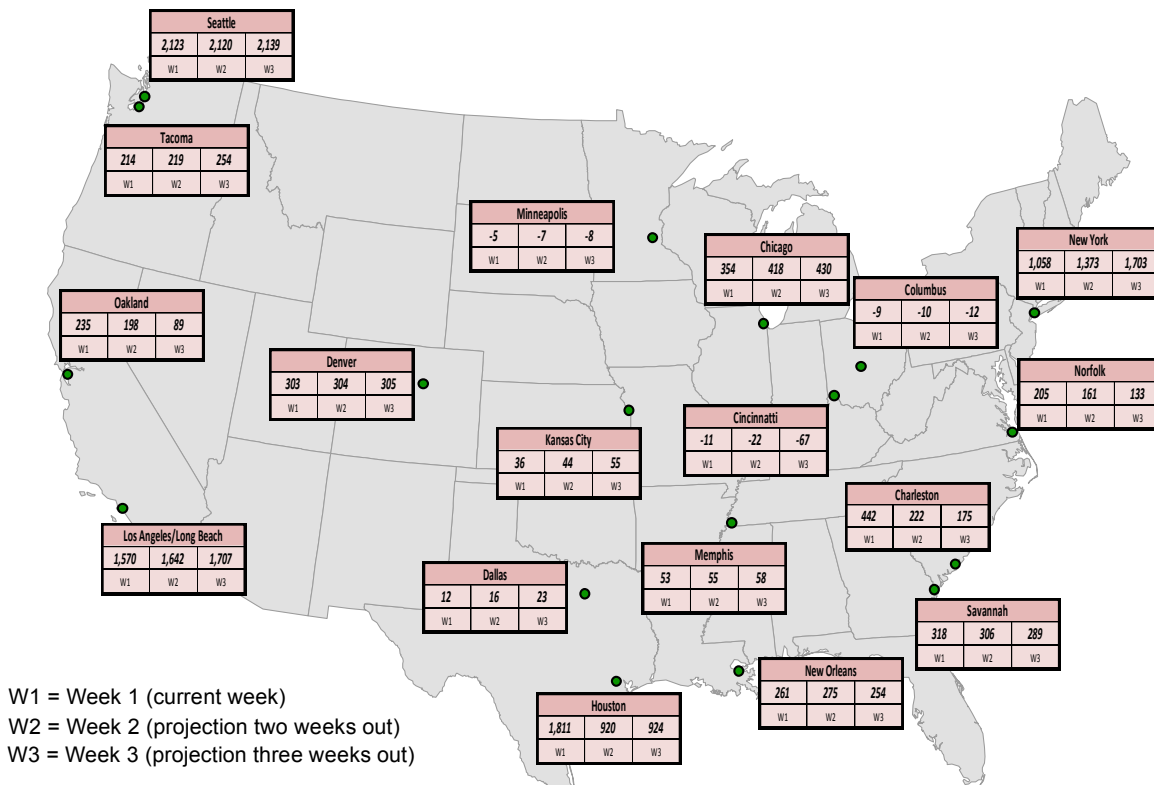


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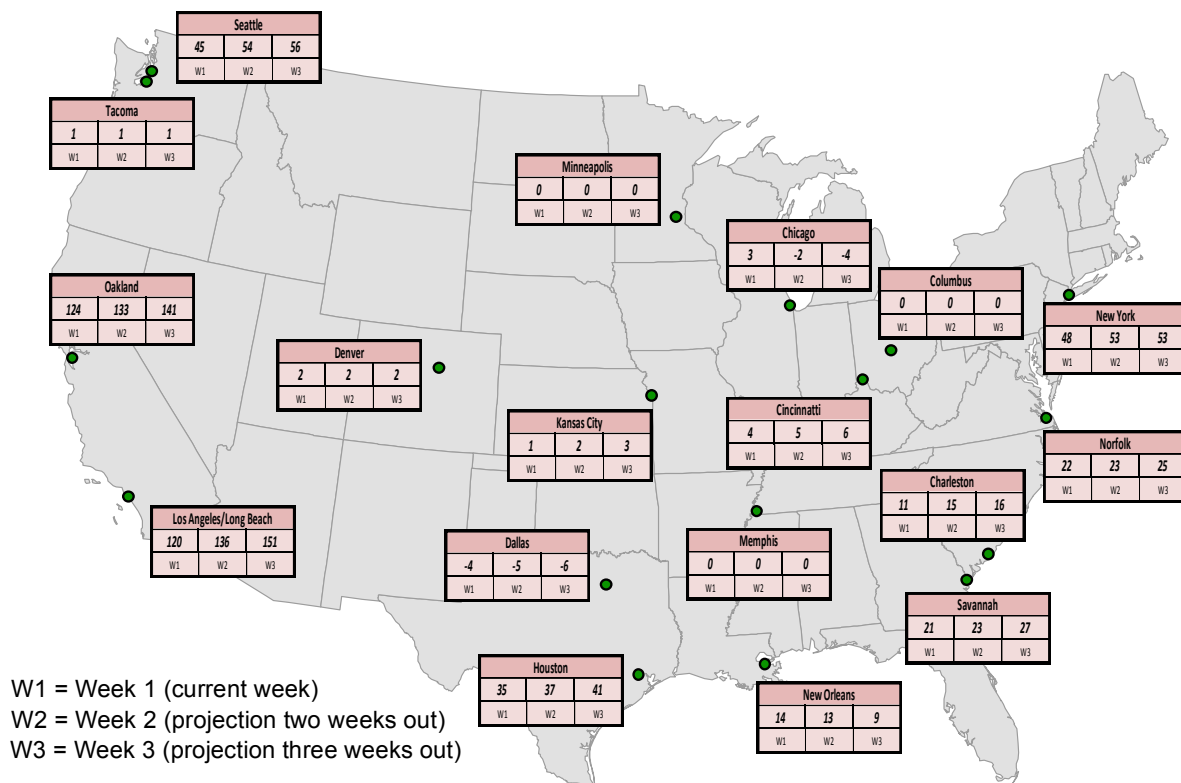
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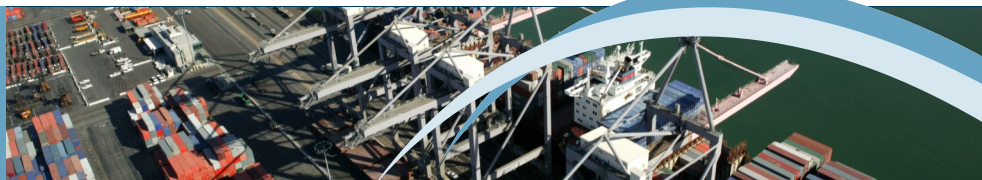


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	208	190	90	90	89	88	755
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	320	212	200	80	89	93	994
Week 3: Aug 5-11	432	219	200	82	89	85	1,107
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	201	167	126	102	100	-10	686
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	214	191	126	117	100	-4	744
Week 3: Aug 5-11	196	213	126	108	150	-7	786
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	164	159	118	66	38	31	576
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	176	181	118	75	103	100	753
Week 3: Aug 5-11	202	169	118	80	164	200	933
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	302	108	18	11	3	.	442
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	100	99	19	10	-6	.	222
Week 3: Aug 5-11	50	90	19	11	5	.	175
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	7	4	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	8	7	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Aug 5-11	9	7	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	821	494	259	66	44	-75	1,609
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,089	494	486	85	-114	0	2,040
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,339	494	774	83	-250	0	2,440
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	664	652	267	254	195	26	2,058
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	771	652	368	200	214	17	2,222
Week 3: Aug 5-11	869	652	233	200	312	20	2,286
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,344	930	707	241	163	46	3,431
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,344	1,225	913	200	185	55	3,922
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,344	1,490	1,092	200	264	50	4,440
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	191	173	61	0	-71	.	354
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	217	200	56	0	-55	.	418
Week 3: Aug 5-11	221	200	46	0	-37	.	430
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	2	1	3
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	-1	-1	-2
Week 3: Aug 5-11	-4	-4

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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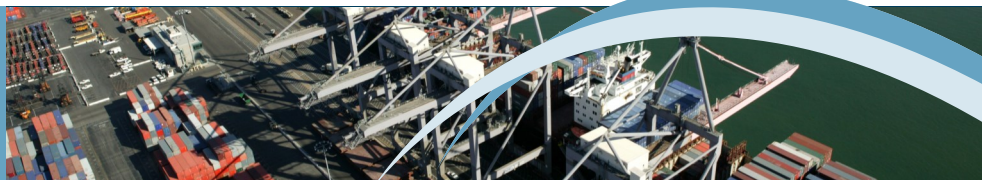


Cincinnati							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	47	38	32	23	16	.	156
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	55	38	39	40	18	.	190
Week 3: Aug 5-11	49	38	42	48	26	.	203
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	108	50	35	-2	-26	.	165
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	88	50	39	-9	-26	.	142
Week 3: Aug 5-11	92	45	40	-17	-26	.	134
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	208	117	59	56	24	.	464
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	208	106	74	47	27	.	462
Week 3: Aug 5-11	208	110	87	36	39	.	480
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	14	0	-25	.	.	.	-11
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	19	0	-41	.	.	.	-22
Week 3: Aug 5-11	24	0	-91	.	.	.	-67
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	4	4
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	5	5
Week 3: Aug 5-11	6	6

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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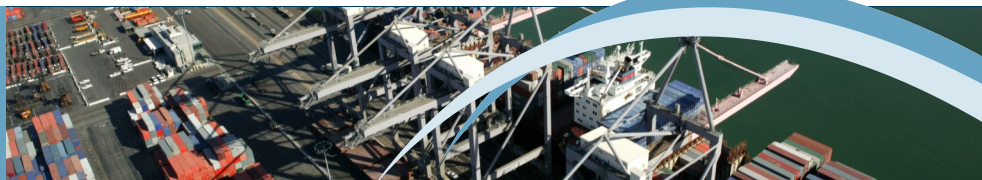


Columbus							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	65	29	9	5	-3	.	105
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	87	29	6	9	-6	.	125
Week 3: Aug 5-11	105	29	7	11	-9	.	143
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	121	83	60	50	-12	.	302
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	132	102	60	85	-3	.	376
Week 3: Aug 5-11	151	116	60	118	-10	.	435
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	172	160	123	60	34	.	549
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	260	160	167	115	31	.	733
Week 3: Aug 5-11	325	160	203	155	32	.	875
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	0	-9	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	0	-10	.	.	.	.	-10
Week 3: Aug 5-11	0	-12	.	.	.	.	-12
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	173	98	90	75	-1	-5	430
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	231	118	90	113	-1	0	551
Week 3: Aug 5-11	280	148	90	151	0	10	679
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	422	222	48	38	1	-1	730
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	632	259	48	88	0	0	1,027
Week 3: Aug 5-11	747	329	48	140	0	10	1,274
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,074	423	396	103	21	1	2,018
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,479	488	396	211	20	0	2,594
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,829	659	396	317	20	1	3,222
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	14	0	-2	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	18	0	-2	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Aug 5-11	25	0	-2	.	.	.	23
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	-4	-4
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	-5	-5
Week 3: Aug 5-11	-6	-6

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	174	82	22	21	1	.	300
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	200	92	22	21	1	.	336
Week 3: Aug 5-11	200	103	22	22	1	.	348
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	92	70	30	9	4	.	205
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	98	100	39	10	4	.	251
Week 3: Aug 5-11	108	200	53	12	4	.	377
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	220	68	40	-4	-248	.	76
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	266	74	45	-4	0	.	381
Week 3: Aug 5-11	277	83	48	-4	100	.	504
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	300	2	1	0	.	.	303
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	300	3	1	0	.	.	304
Week 3: Aug 5-11	300	4	1	0	.	.	305
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1	1	2
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1	1	2
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1	1	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,103	918	406	81	77	7	2,592
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,361	841	406	102	88	100	2,898
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,540	860	406	119	91	100	3,116
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	922	287	147	134	89	-376	1,203
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	853	600	246	134	89	-474	1,448
Week 3: Aug 5-11	880	600	307	134	94	-512	1,503
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,956	1,106	1,068	253	108	-34	4,457
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,900	1,800	1,068	320	119	-65	5,142
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,858	1,800	1,068	375	136	-20	5,217
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,408	255	90	56	2	0	1,811
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	500	236	107	75	2	0	920
Week 3: Aug 5-11	500	205	122	95	2	0	924
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	34	1	0	.	.	.	35
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	36	1	0	.	.	.	37
Week 3: Aug 5-11	38	3	0	.	.	.	41

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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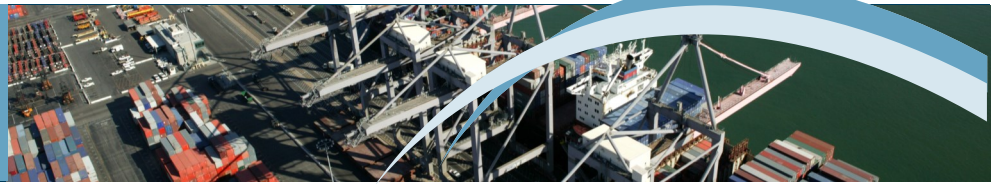


Kansas City							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	162	88	43	27	6	2	328
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	196	36	49	27	10	-1	317
Week 3: Aug 5-11	229	58	36	27	10	0	360
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	149	96	60	18	-2	-5	316
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	182	121	60	15	0	-3	375
Week 3: Aug 5-11	211	154	60	13	0	-2	436
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	78	41	2	-3	-18	-210	-110
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	95	53	10	-2	-27	-210	-81
Week 3: Aug 5-11	125	66	10	0	-32	-210	-41
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	31	5	0	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	38	6	0	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Aug 5-11	49	6	0	.	.	.	55
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1	1
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	2	2
Week 3: Aug 5-11	3	3

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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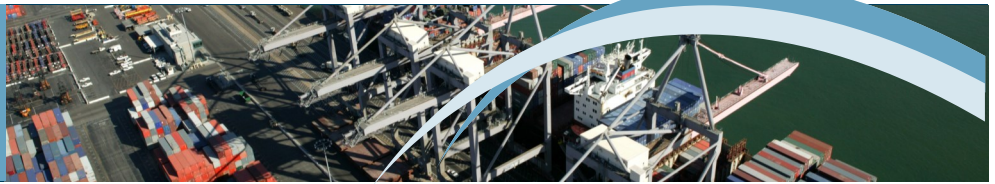


Los Angeles and Long Beach							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,335	1,318	976	488	353	15	4,485
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,335	1,700	1,132	40	400	20	4,627
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,335	2,075	1,064	-314	300	18	4,478
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	2,046	1,988	744	536	138	-12	5,440
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	2,616	1,988	1,032	526	300	-10	6,452
Week 3: Aug 5-11	2,808	1,988	1,315	561	200	-15	6,857
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	6,678	3,655	1,814	1,110	20	-200	13,077
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	6,678	4,570	1,500	1,477	16	-297	13,944
Week 3: Aug 5-11	6,678	4,595	1,500	1,840	10	-50	14,573
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	781	301	268	161	75	-16	1,570
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	813	382	321	50	75	1	1,642
Week 3: Aug 5-11	812	426	365	50	75	-21	1,707
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	92	18	10	.	.	.	120
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	106	20	10	.	.	.	136
Week 3: Aug 5-11	119	22	10	.	.	.	151

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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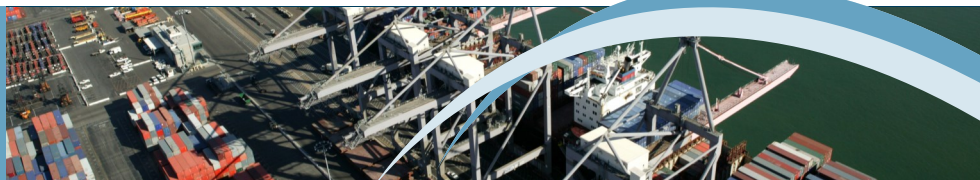


Memphis							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	217	189	56	-10	-89	-114	249
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	260	189	41	-9	-87	0	394
Week 3: Aug 5-11	304	189	35	-6	-87	0	435
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	626	195	110	42	32	-212	793
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	861	226	110	56	50	0	1,303
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,090	262	110	69	40	0	1,571
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	680	316	230	157	0	-334	1,049
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,071	316	249	196	9	0	1,841
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,407	316	232	247	21	0	2,223
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	51	3	0	0	-1	.	53
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	50	5	0	0	0	.	55
Week 3: Aug 5-11	50	8	0	0	0	.	58
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	101	30	1	-8	-17	-93	14
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	90	30	1	0	-17	-125	-21
Week 3: Aug 5-11	24	39	1	10	-17	-163	-106
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	80	80	18	13	0	-8	183
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	130	92	10	28	1	-8	253
Week 3: Aug 5-11	84	111	10	29	1	-8	227
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	274	141	92	86	-2	-3	588
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	313	208	92	93	0	0	706
Week 3: Aug 5-11	339	235	92	124	10	-1	799
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	0	-5	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	0	-7	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 3: Aug 5-11	0	-8	.	.	.	.	-8
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	0
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	0
Week 3: Aug 5-11	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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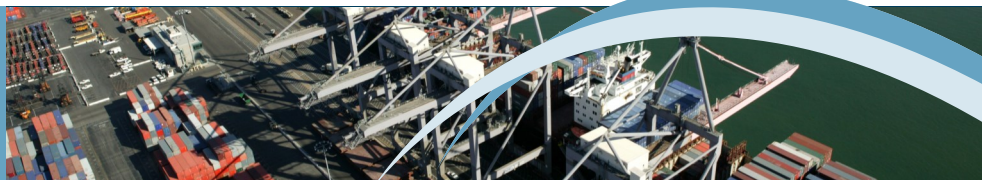


New Orleans							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	754	687	306	145	22	10	1,924
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	830	800	320	126	22	9	2,107
Week 3: Aug 5-11	900	800	318	103	22	12	2,155
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	851	150	41	22	-4	-100	960
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,000	143	37	18	-4	-217	977
Week 3: Aug 5-11	800	145	38	11	-4	-333	657
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	610	400	326	119	84	30	1,569
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,000	390	146	124	84	25	1,769
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,000	380	109	133	84	29	1,735
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	139	85	41	0	-4	.	261
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	100	142	41	0	-8	.	275
Week 3: Aug 5-11	100	126	40	0	-12	.	254
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	11	3	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	10	3	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Aug 5-11	6	3	.	.	.	.	9

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	560	545	378	240	25	24	1,772
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	927	743	378	355	0	15	2,418
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,295	912	378	422	0	14	3,021
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	510	508	455	238	-4	-6	1,701
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	612	795	589	238	0	-7	2,227
Week 3: Aug 5-11	714	1,076	757	238	20	-10	2,795
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,572	1,194	825	659	-10	-15	4,225
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,860	1,194	1,358	830	-16	0	5,226
Week 3: Aug 5-11	2,180	1,194	1,889	1,124	-12	20	6,395
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	472	427	149	10	.	.	1,058
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	563	599	201	10	.	.	1,373
Week 3: Aug 5-11	651	734	308	10	.	.	1,703
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	24	19	5	.	.	.	48
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	23	25	5	.	.	.	53
Week 3: Aug 5-11	23	25	5	.	.	.	53

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	152	115	85	0	-25	-80	247
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	152	118	72	-1	0	117	458
Week 3: Aug 5-11	152	155	16	-1	0	316	638
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	213	209	123	82	-1	-11	615
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	203	222	177	82	0	0	684
Week 3: Aug 5-11	274	246	223	82	0	0	825
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,324	427	298	21	2	-47	2,025
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,324	347	409	67	0	0	2,147
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,324	381	509	93	0	0	2,307
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	116	74	10	5	.	.	205
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	124	65	10	-38	.	.	161
Week 3: Aug 5-11	137	68	10	-82	.	.	133
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	17	4	1	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	18	4	1	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Aug 5-11	19	5	1	.	.	.	25

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	549	219	121	41	32	9	971
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	652	219	100	115	93	50	1,229
Week 3: Aug 5-11	754	219	110	137	2	50	1,272
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	177	122	68	-13	-63	-156	135
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	178	100	68	-23	-25	-160	138
Week 3: Aug 5-11	203	80	68	-20	38	-177	192
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	512	249	191	142	58	34	1,186
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	512	209	100	215	40	150	1,226
Week 3: Aug 5-11	512	-165	50	278	50	253	978
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	162	141	61	30	25	-184	235
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	153	159	33	30	20	-197	198
Week 3: Aug 5-11	146	80	53	30	30	-250	89
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	93	21	10	.	.	.	124
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	104	19	10	.	.	.	133
Week 3: Aug 5-11	115	16	10	.	.	.	141

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	269	185	112	7	6	-61	518
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	200	288	112	4	10	62	676
Week 3: Aug 5-11	212	386	112	5	10	180	905
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	276	244	232	42	16	2	812
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	276	179	248	100	10	0	813
Week 3: Aug 5-11	276	109	174	153	10	1	723
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	540	468	249	45	2	-130	1,174
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	540	592	176	40	0	-29	1,319
Week 3: Aug 5-11	540	580	171	40	1	56	1,388
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	202	85	21	10	.	.	318
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	206	64	26	10	.	.	306
Week 3: Aug 5-11	209	36	34	10	.	.	289
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	14	6	1	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	18	4	1	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Aug 5-11	22	4	1	.	.	.	27

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	398	130	117	15	13	-21	652
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	398	112	120	25	28	-81	602
Week 3: Aug 5-11	398	106	110	25	43	-169	513
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	268	204	177	122	37	33	841
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	253	204	172	144	16	25	814
Week 3: Aug 5-11	258	204	179	163	10	50	864
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	727	55	44	25	23	-544	330
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	827	105	50	-25	-43	-544	370
Week 3: Aug 5-11	800	159	50	-78	-116	-544	271
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1,235	798	70	20	.	.	2,123
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1,230	805	65	20	.	.	2,120
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1,250	804	65	20	.	.	2,139
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	42	2	1	.	.	.	45
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	54	-1	1	.	.	.	54
Week 3: Aug 5-11	59	-4	1	.	.	.	56

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma							
20ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	31	8	-26	-85	.	.	-72
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	31	14	-24	0	.	.	21
Week 3: Aug 5-11	31	10	-45	50	.	.	46
40ft Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	167	117	38	2	.	.	324
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	100	131	38	-1	.	.	268
Week 3: Aug 5-11	100	164	38	-1	.	.	301
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	382	343	106	30	.	.	861
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	269	400	106	26	.	.	801
Week 3: Aug 5-11	253	400	106	31	.	.	790
40ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	191	18	5	.	.	.	214
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	184	30	5	.	.	.	219
Week 3: Aug 5-11	219	30	5	.	.	.	254
20ft Refrigerated							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Jul 22-28	1	1
Week 2: Jul 29-Aug 4	1	1
Week 3: Aug 5-11	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

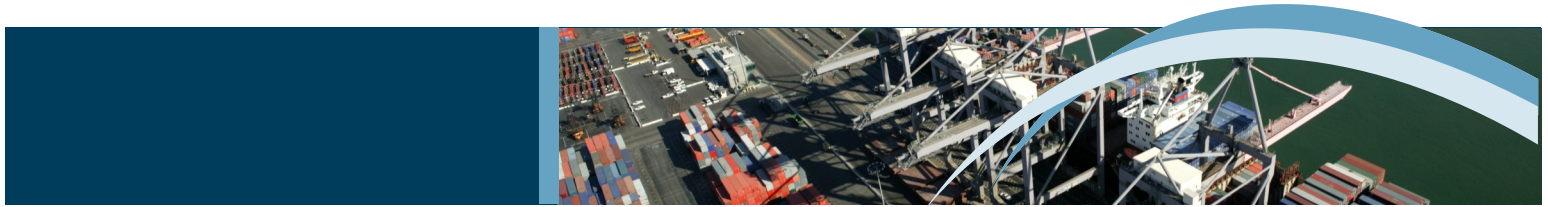
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 2–4 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
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